hands of professional milkmen who consider it uneconomical to maintain a calf properly under the city conditions, where the cost of feeding calves is prohibitive while the immediate return from the milk sold is comparatively very high.

(c) The following steps have already been taken by Government in this regard :—

(1) a Calf Subsidy scheme in the key village areas has been put into operation to encourage proper rearing of calves;

(2) intensive propaganda on the proper care and management of calves by lectures, leaflets, etc.;

(3) calf rallies and awarding of prizes to well-nourished calves; and

(4) investigation, treatment and reseach on calf diseases at the various veterinary institutions.

There are no other proposals under consideration by Government. It may be mentioned that the Veterinary Disease Investigation Officer has taken up the survey of calf mortality in the different parts of the State. The Government will consider this report when it is received.

Mathur-Variyankaval road

* 2618 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation about the 15th February 1955 from the public for gravelling the Mathur-Variyankaval road and making it bus-worthy; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (*a*) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Teachers' Provident Fund

* 2619 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Teachers' Provident Fund contributions of Aided Elementary School Teachers of Malabar were deducted from their salaries with effect from 1st January 1954 by the department;

(b) whether the same has been credited to Teachers' Provident Fund Savings Bank Account; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) There has been some delay in crediting the amounts in the Teachers' Savings Bank Accounts as the system of direct